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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

It has come to my attention that the Department of Justice, under the auspices of the Tunney Act, has entered into a period of public comment in reference to the settlement reached in the Microsoft antitrust lawsuit. I feel that this settlement is long over-due and should be accepted on both the federal and state levels.

The terms of this settlement are just. Microsoft will design all future versions of its Windows operating system to be compatible with the products of its competitors. The company is also committed to halting any activities that could be considered retaliatory. There will also be a three-person technical committee that will oversee the future business tactics of the company to ensure that it complies with the settlement.

I hope that this litigation can finally be brought to an end and that we can focus our attention and our resources on other issues. Please continue to support this settlement, and thank you for this opportunity to express my thoughts.

Sincerely,



Tiffany Ledbetter